

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/736,822

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/29/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-8, 11, and 14-19, renumbered as 1-14.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892).
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 4/1/02 & 6/1/01
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to the Applicant's arguments and amendments filed on August 29, 2006 in which claims 2 and 11 have been amended, claims 1, 9, 10, 12, and 13 have been canceled, and claims 14-19 have been added. Claims 2-8, 11, and 14-19 are currently pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. After a further search and thorough examination of the present application and in view of the applicant's arguments and amendments, claims 2-8, 11, and 14-19, renumbered as 1-14 respectively, are found to be in condition of allowance.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art teaches the creation of a model representing the cellular radio network and its radio environment on a digital map; the map area is divided into raster units (area pixels) which may be rectangular or square-shaped, each typically representing a size of 50m-500m in cellular radio application. The prior art further teaches computer based planning tools are used to perform complex computations necessary for modeling a wireless network.

On the other hand, the Applicant teaches, inter alia, wherein calculating the propagation loss for a wireless communication signal comprises the steps of: determining a length of a radial from a base station to a mobile antenna; computing the propagation loss from said base station to an inner edge of a map pixel containing said mobile antenna; and determining a propagation loss from the inner edge of said map

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pixel containing said mobile antenna to a mobile antenna location using vector processing and a weighting function. The prior art further teaches wherein redistributing traffic within a sector comprises: calculating the total traffic within said sector; determining a scaling factor; using said scaling factor to spread said traffic over at least one vector point within said sector; and spreading the remaining traffic over the pixels within the sector; and transferring the result to an output. These limitations, in conjunction with all limitations of the independent claims, have not been disclosed, taught, or made obvious over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean A. Gelin whose telephone number is (571) 272-7842. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM.

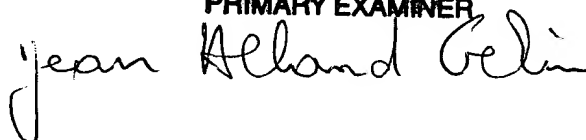
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Corsaro can be reached on (571) 272-7876. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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JEAN GELIN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "jean Almond Gelin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the printed name and title.